



# CAVE TOUR INFORMATION



NOVEMBER 2005 - MARCH 2006

Tours are conducted by trained guides and are conducted at a leisurely pace. The guides encourage questions.

A light jacket is recommended and comfortable walking shoes with tread soles are encouraged  
(some trail surfaces may be wet and slick)

**ALL CAVE TICKETS ARE SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER**

X-CAVE STARTS PROMPTLY IN FRONT OF THE WELCOME CENTER AND IS WITHIN WALKING  
DISTANCE OF THE WELCOME CENTER.

CASCADE CAVE TICKET SALES STOP 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE TOUR.  
CASCADE CAVE TOURS STARTS PROMPTLY FROM CASCADE CAVE AREA PARKING LOT. ALL  
CASCADE CAVE TOURS REQUIRE A SHORT DRIVE. TRANSPORTATION IS NOT  
PROVIDED TO THE CAVE.

## ADMISSION FEES:

**UNDER 3 YEARS, FREE WITH A GUARDIAN**

**CASCADE CAVE TOURS: \$8.00 - 13 YEARS & ABOVE  
\$4.00 3-12 YEARS**

**X CAVE TOURS: \$6.00 - 13 YEARS & ABOVE  
\$3.00 - 3-12 YEARS**

## DIRECTIONS TO CASCADE CAVE

Cascade Cave is 3.1 miles from the Welcome Center. Turn left out of the parking lot. Turn right at the first stop sign onto Route 182. Travel 2 ½ miles, turn right onto Route 209. The parking lot is .6 miles ahead on the left.

ALL CAVES WITHIN THE PARK ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC EXCEPT THROUGH GUIDED TOURS OR BY AN ACTIVITY PERMIT. AN ACTIVITY PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR VISITS TO LAUREL CAVE & HORN HOLLOW CAVE WITHIN THE PARK. THESE TWO CAVES ARE THE ONLY CAVES THAT CAN BE ACCESSED BY AN ACTIVITY PERMIT. ENTRY INTO ANY OTHER CAVES IS AGAINST THE LAW. BY LAW, YOU MUST BE OUT OF THESE CAVES BY DARK. THESE LAWS ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED. AN ACTIVITY PERMIT MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE WELCOME CENTER. PEOPLE IMPROPERLY EQUIPPED WILL NOT BE ISSUED A PERMIT. FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO VIOLATE THIS POLICY.

**TOUR SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**

CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK  
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# CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK

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## X-CAVE

**X-CAVE** is the perfect example of two vertical joint passages that was carved out by groundwater in a large layer of limestone bedding. On this tour you can view many beautiful cave formations including the largest formation on the park, which stands over 30 ft tall. The cave gets its name from the configuration of its passages, which seem to cross in the middle to form the letter "X."

### -SCHEDULE-

**DAILY: 9:30AM, 1:00PM, 4:30PM**

WALKING DISTANCE: ABOUT 1/4 MILE.

DURATION: ABOUT 45 MINUTES.

TEMPERATURE: 40-60 DEGREES (VARIABLE).

DIFFICULTY: ROUTE INCLUDES ABOUT 75 STAIR-STEPS THROUGH NARROW PASSAGES; SOME STOOPING.

## CASCADE CAVE

**CASCADE CAVE** is the largest commercial cave of over 200 caves in Carter County and is noted for its large chambers and numerous cave formations. A highlight of the tour is an underground waterfall over 30 feet high. Although a short drive is necessary to reach Cascade Cave from other parts of the park, the inconvenience is most rewarding.

### -SCHEDULE-

**DAILY: 10:30AM, 2:30PM**

WALKING DISTANCE: ABOUT 3/4 MILE.

DURATION: ABOUT 1 HOUR, 15 MINUTES

TEMPERATURE: 50-60 DEGREES (VARIABLE)

DIFFICULTY: ROUTE INCLUDES OVER 100 STAIRSTEPS THROUGH THE CAVE; EASY WALKING